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METHODISTS RAP WINE CUP AT WHITE HOUSE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 3.—Reports of the progress of the Methodist general conference tonight by two of the missionary representatives of the churches W. S. Lewis for China and M. C. Harris for Korea and Japan.

The general outstanding need in China, Bishop Lewis said, is for a standardized and efficient educational system. The government he declared is so burdened by indemnity taxation, the unbending of an army and navy absolutely necessary for the defense of the nation and so occupied in the labor incident to the inauguration of representative government that it has neither time or money to organize an educational system.

Bishop Harris described the growth of the Japanese Methodist church which now has a membership of 15,000, a gain of 25 per cent in the past four years.

In Korea the native Methodists number 44,390, a four fold increase in twelve years.
At the business session today the committee on finance in its report recommended that a budget system be instituted to cover each four year period and that the several benevolent bodies be unified in an effort to prevent unnecessary expenditure of money and duplication of effort. Since the conference in 1912 the church has raised \$158,000,000, eighty-nine percent of which was expended for church building, pastoral support and current expenses.

Some little flurry was caused by the introduction of a resolution expressing regret because of the wines supposed to be served at dinners at the White House. The resolution would have the conference appeal to President Wilson to "abolish the wine cup for all functions over which he has control" and would request the president to endorse and support pending measures for nation-wide prohibition. It was introduced by Rev. James W. Anderson of Oregon, Mo., and was endorsed by all delegates from the Missouri conference. This resolution was referred without comment to the committee on temperance, to which also was referred another Missouri resolution to require the great national political conventions to incorporate a prohibition plank in the platforms of their respective parties.

EDITOR MILNES HERE—Percy Milnes, editor of the Prescott Journal-Miner arrived in Phoenix last night enroute to Tucson where he will be in attendance at the Republican State Convention. He reports business conditions in Yavapai county as better than ever before and mining activities without precedent.

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DE LA HUERTA SUCCEEDS CALLES AS SONORA CIVIL GOVERNOR

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 3.—General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, confirmed the report that Adolfo de La Huerta had been appointed by Venustiano Carranza to be the civil governor of Sonora. This step, Calles said, was taken at his, Calles', suggestion.

The duties of commander-in-chief of the large army now in Sonora have been so enlarged recently that for almost a month he has been unable to give attention to his gubernatorial functions.

General Calles said that he recommended De La Huerta for the position because of the fact that he and De La Huerta are good friends, personally, while the new appointee is also a warm advocate of the radical policies which Calles has fostered since his accession to power.

There may be a modification of some of his policies, among them the strict prohibition law, General Calles said. But there will be no great change. All of Calles' appointees, it was said, would be retained in office.

General Calles received a permit from General T. F. Davis, on instructions from General Funston, permitting Calles to travel through the United States to El Paso to join General Obregon. The general stated that he expected to remain from ten to fifteen days in southern Mexico, then will return to Sonora to give his entire attention to military matters. During his absence and until the arrival of Governor De La Huerta, Sonora affairs will be administered by Enrique Moreno, secretary of state.

General Arnaldo Gomez arrived in Agua Prieta late last night and remained there today. He denied when interviewed that any of his men had attempted to enter Chihuahua or that he had any orders to do so.

He reported that the food situation has materially improved, there now being about 35 wagons engaged in keeping the camp provisioned. Large shipments of provisions and supplies of other kinds to Fronteras, from which point the wagon trains for Colonia Morelos have been operating, are taken as confirmation of the report that a concentration of

troops in the Bayispe River valley is under way.

Mayor C. O. Ellis and W. S. Kirby, chief of police of Douglas, today refused to give permission to a Mexican patriotic club to march through the city streets Friday to Agua Prieta to participate in the Cinco de Mayo celebration there. Thereupon the club announced it was as anxious as the American officials to avoid a possible clash between the two nationalities and would go to Agua Prieta in small groups, assembling just over the boundary for a parade through the streets of the Mexican town.

Frederick Simpich, American consul for Sonora, has received a telegram from the Chinese ambassador in Washington, D. C., that Tsai Ship Yung has been appointed Chinese consul for Sonora and is on his way to his post of duty. For two years Mr. Simpich has been acting consul for the Chinese.

Latterly, when the Chinese have been subjected to such grave indignities by the Sonora government, his duties in this connection have been manifold and very complex. The uprising in behalf of Felix Diaz in Simla is growing. A band of the sympathizers of Felix Diaz, said to number several hundred men, is advancing northward toward Mazatlan, on the Southern Pacific railroad, burning bridges as they come, according to telegrams received here today.

Because of the dispatch of large bodies of de facto troops into Sonora recently, the government is not in a position to combat this movement with any vigor at this time. The important cities of the state are well garrisoned, however. American arrivals from Hermosillo today reported that there are now between eight and twelve thousand de facto troops in the Yaqui valley, the announced purpose of the government being to push a vigorous campaign against the agitation. In an engagement fought on April 24, the de facto troops killed 119 Yaquis and captured approximately 100 old men, women and children.

A large part of the reinforcements in the Yaqui valley are recent arrivals from Simla.

PLANS BEING MADE TO INVITE BIG BUSINESS MEN TO STATE

Governor Hunt Sends Copies of Favorable Letters Received From Various Business Organizations From All Over the State

It was announced at the governor's office yesterday, that definite plans had been made for the meeting in Phoenix on the 17th of this month, of representatives of the various business organizations throughout the state, for the purpose of formulating plans and devising ways and means to invite and bring to Arizona representatives of big eastern business concerns.

The project has been under way for some time. The governor who has been strong for the project all along, was asked by several business organizations to sound out the sentiment throughout the state. With this end in view he wrote to practically every board of trade and chamber of commerce in the state, asking for expressions of opinion on the matter. Up to yesterday he had received favorable replies from practically every organization written to. All the letters are highly enthusiastic over the matter, and promise their hearty co-operation.

The governor had copies made of all the letters sent in, and mailed them to John F. Myers, secretary of the State Board of Trade, at Tucson. In his letter, Gov. Hunt called attention to the

fact that May 17th, might be a good date for the meeting, as it that time members of the Arizona Good Roads Association will be in Phoenix.

Following is the letter sent to Mr. Myers:

"With reference to the movement instituted some weeks ago for the purpose of securing concerted action by the various chambers of commerce and boards of trade in Arizona, in extending to representatives of eastern commercial organizations an invitation to visit Arizona in the immediate future, I take pleasure in transmitting herewith copies of the replies which I have received from secretaries of commerce in different parts of the state in my recent circular letter requesting an expression of sentiment.

"In keeping with my views of this matter, as previously expressed, I feel that the success of the enterprise can be insured only through the united co-operation of the majority of Arizona's commercial bodies. Accordingly, I would respectfully suggest that you lay the enclosed letters before the directors of the State Board of Trade, with a view of having a call issued for a meeting to be held in Phoenix, on or about May 17th, so that the delegates to the highway convention might also serve, in numerous instances, as representatives of the commercial organizations in connection with the proposed plan.

"In addition to the foregoing, I would suggest the advisability of sending the call to and requesting the co-operation of all of the chambers of

WOULD RESUME SECOND PLACE AMONG NAVIES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Secretary Daniels today transmitted to Representative Butler of Pennsylvania, ranking republican member of the house naval committee, a report of the general board of the navy, showing that because of lack of information regarding additions to European navies since the war began, it is impossible to state what tonnage and personnel program would be necessary to re-establish the United States in second place among the world's sea powers.

The board included in its report a survey of the fleets of the principal powers as they stood on July 1, 1914, most of the information of which was given by Rear Admiral Benson in his testimony before the naval committee.

The report says there is no authentic data available as to the number of types of ships that have been added to belligerent navies since the outbreak of the war, although it is certain that all these nations have been building to the extent of their capacity. As to personnel, the report says, the only positive information is that Great Britain votes an increase of 150,000 men in the active personnel of her fleet.

Representative Butler had specified that the program which he outlined was one that would put the navy in second place in three years. The report says that according to its best information the country now is equipped to begin building simultaneously within six months five dreadnaughts, five battle cruisers, nine scout cruisers, twenty-two destroyers and an unlimited number of submarines.

The report points out that the available supply of skilled labor, now undetermined, can control in a large manner, any plan to speed up the building program.

Mr. Butler had asked for a statement also as to when the American navy dropped from second place.

"The United States lost second position," the report says, "because it did not build ships and provide personnel to meet the well known building program of the nation now second in naval strength," and refers to "The German laws of 1898 and 1900."

commerce, even though they may not, in certain instances, be regularly affiliated with the State Board of Trade. "The statements in this letter are, of course, merely in the nature of suggestions, for which the consideration of the State Board of Trade is requested, with the assurance that I will be pleased to co-operate with the Board in any way compatible with the duties of my office."

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A. A. Betts, rate expert for the corporation commission, continues to receive congratulations and favorable comment on his self-appointed task of attempting to force through congress an amendment to the Keating bill, which would relieve merchants from the under-charge trouble, to which every wholesaler and retailer in the country is heir.

The plan which Betts advanced was to pass a law requiring all carriers to prefer under-charges within a certain time, preferably sixty days. This would alleviate the practice engaged in by lots of the roads of coming down on a merchant and claiming that they had charged him too little on a bill of goods, when it had been sold months previously.

As a distinct and flagrant case of this practice Mr. Betts received the following letter yesterday from the Pueblo Commercial club:

"Your letter of April 15, with reference to the collection of under-charge claims, duly received. We were very glad, indeed, to get your communication, and it is with satisfaction that we send you a copy of Colorado statute."

our bill, H. R. 651, presented by our representative in congress some time ago.

"We have keenly felt the need of legislation as suggested by you, in our experience with shippers in Pueblo. A case is now pending against one of our heaviest dealers for an alleged under-charge of more than \$1,200. Suit was filed just a few days before the six years' statute of limitation within the state had run. The consignee who sold the goods f. o. b. Pueblo, had removed to a state where the statute was four years and had run, making it necessary for the carriers to call on the consignee for the under-charge, in sufficient time for the running of the Colorado statute."



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SHIELDS WATER POWER BILL ADVOCATES WIN THEIR FIGHT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Advocates of the Shields water power bill, pending in congress, won their fight in the national conservation congress today when the congress voted to adopt a majority committee report endorsing the measure. Gifford Pinchot, who at the last congress three years ago defeated a proposal somewhat similar, vainly opposed today's action.

Clayton that the convention was backed by the power interests were made and denied.

The vote, 116 to 29, came after the divided committee report had been debated all afternoon. The minority report opposed endorsement of any legislation and demanded a declaration of principles holding that power sites should be retained by the government, and that all water power development should be under public control.

The Pinchot delegates charged that the congress had been called to create sentiment favorable to the Shields and Myers bills, and that it did not represent the true conservation sentiment of the country. Mr. Pinchot declared special interests were trying to mould the congress into a lobby for water power legislation.

"This shows to what lengths the interests are prepared to go to further legislation to serve their own particular interests," he said. "This congress should represent the real conservationists who want legislation which will do the most for the public good and will serve the purposes of a special set of men."

E. Lee Worsham of Atlanta, president of the congress; G. E. Condra of Lincoln, Neb., chairman of the executive committee, and M. L. Alexander of New Orleans, chairman of the credentials committee, denied that any interests had been shown favors in naming delegates or committees.

Charles S. Barrett of Georgia, president of the farmers' union, asserted the convention had been packed, and that it was being used to exploit the power interests. Most of the speech-making was done by the supporters of the minority report, but there were several vigorous defenders of the senate bill.

"What the country needs," said former Governor Hawley of Idaho, "is immediate legislation that will permit development of water power. For eighty years there has been a campaign of water power development. It has reached the point where it defies every right of capital and common sense."

Water power cannot be developed under the present laws, supporters of the majority declared. They said a majority of the senate had decided this Shields bill was a wise measure, and insisted that no one could accuse the United States senate of being influenced by special interests in passing the bill.

James R. Garfield, former secretary of the interior, urged that the congress adopt the minority report and commit itself to no specific legislation. "Another objection to this interests," said Mr. Garfield "is that it threatens to put into private hands the beauties of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado."